

House Resolution No. 3896

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take great pride in acknowledging a momentous milestone in the history of a blessed religious institution that has come to play an important role in the lives of many Missourians; and

Whereas, the congregation of Mt. Zion Southern Baptist Church in Hartville, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary during a special celebration to be held September 18-19, 2004; and

Whereas, the oldest Baptist church in the Wright-Douglas-Ozark Association, Mt. Zion Southern Baptist Church was organized at the home of the Reverend Jacob Mingus in 1854; and

Whereas, charter members of Mt. Zion Southern Baptist Church included Azer and Polly Bradshaw, James and Martha Bradshaw, Jacob and Sarah Mingus, Talithia Stillwell, Sophia Mingus, Cyrus and Jane Pitchford, Eli and Elizabeth Pitchford, Sarepta Pitchford, Thomas and Amanda Gillian, Margaret Coil, Paul Mingus, Alfred Mingus, and Rachel Ellis; and

Whereas, following the destruction of the original church by fire in 1916, a new house of worship was constructed and dedicated in 1918; and

Whereas, Mt. Zion Southern Baptist Church has been abundantly blessed with the spiritual guidance and leadership of many pastors who include Jacob Mingus, E.A. Mingus, Paul Mingus, William Carter, D.F. Ellis, Arthur Kelly, J.C. Dodson, J.P. Mingus, J.E. Seal, William Clark, Walter Goss, G.M. Pierce, J.L. Leonard, George O. Vannoy, S.W. Hanks, Harold Haswell, D.R. Bledsoe, Wilbur Helle, Paul Tripp, Lester Rogers, Fred N. Drake, Wallace Miller, L.E. "Johnny" Strapp, Herbert Pedersen, Lew Cort, Ewell Kirksey, Jack Dedmon, Rickie Jones, J.R. Bogart, Bob Woodiel, Tom Scott, Sid Marcantel, Arnold Fletcher, and Ron Hontz, Jr.; and

Whereas, Mt. Zion Southern Baptist Church is known, admired, and respected throughout the Hartville community as a divine proclaimer of faith and friend to those in need, and continues a fine tradition of one hundred fifty years through commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of its members, changing with the times, and looking ahead to a glorious future with God:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the entire congregation of Mt. Zion Southern Baptist Church as they proudly celebrate one hundred fifty years of steadfast dedication to the Lord; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mt. Zion Southern Baptist Church.

Offered by _____
Representative Van Kelly
District No. 144

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3896, adopted August 23, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker